

On the borders of the corn-fields upon the barren hills around Granada I observed the very rare *Cirsium echinatum*, DC., and also *Alchemilla Aphanes*, L., *Minuartia montana*, Löffl., and other plants. From the 24th to the 27th of June I stayed on the Sierra Nevada, and ascended on the 25th to a height of 8000 feet, but could not proceed further on account of the immense quantity of snow. Here, on the edge of the melting snow, above the limestone rocks of the Dornajo, I gathered *Pyrethrum radicans*, Lag., as well as *Ranunculus acetosellæfolius*, Boiss., in great plenty, which I had never before seen growing at so low an altitude. On the alpine meadows known by the name of Prado de las Yeguas, which are situated above the Cortijo de San Geronimo on the right acclivity of the valley of the Monachil, flowered *Ranunculus chærophyllus*, L., *Silene conica*, L., *Papaver Argemone*, L., *Cerastium ramosissimum*, Boiss., *Tetragonolobus siliquosus*, DC., a *Myosotis*, various grasses, and in its highest part *Doronicum scorpioides*, W. On the western acclivity of the Dornajo, which I then ascended for the fourth time, I gathered, amongst other plants, the pretty *Helianthemum piliferum*, Boiss.; also on the south upon boulders *Convolvulus nitidus*, Boiss., which was just beginning to flower, and on shady rocks of the eastern acclivity *Sisymbrium laxiflorum*, Boiss., *Linaria verticillata*, Boiss., *Bunium Macuca*, Boiss., *Butinia bunioides*, Boiss., *Saxifraga spathulata*, Desf., *Draba hispanica*, Boiss. On the way down from the Dornajo into the valley of the Jenil over the woody Dehesa de la Vibora I found *Passerina elliptica*, Boiss., which occurs very sparingly on limestone rocks below the Dornajo, and in the copse-wood the pretty *Anthericum bæticum*, Boiss., also *Ononis arragonensis*, Asso., *Sarothamnus scoparius*, Wimm., and *Pæonia lobata*, Desf., *Adenocarpus decorticans*, Boiss., was still in flower; and lastly I found on my return to Granada between the villages of Guejar Sierra and Pinos del Jenil on sandy soil *Linaria Salzmanni*, Boiss., a pretty species with purple flowers.

[To be continued.]

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Read “Characters of undescribed species of British *Chalcidites*.”
By Francis Walker, Esq., F.L.S. &c.

The following are the characters of the species described:—

1. *PTEROMALUS ACROTATUS* ♀, viridis, abdomine cupreo, antennis piceis, pedibus fulvis; coxis femoribusque basi viridibus, alis fuscis.—Long. corp. lin. 1; alar. lin. 1½.

Hab. in Scotiâ, prope Lanark, mense Julio.

2. *PTEROMALUS SUNIDES* ♂ et ♀, viridis, abdomine æneo; maris fulvo-maculato, antennis nigris, pedibus maris flavis fœminæ fulvis; femoribus fusco-variiis, alis limpidis.—Long. corp. lin. 1½; alar. lin. 1½—2.

Hab. in Scotiâ, prope Edinam, Dr. Greville.